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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1.		If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.		If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.		If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.	√_	If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

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